

Billy Overcame His Size
Merle Haggard

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Billy never made the football team,

G7

Cause Billy s size was small.

But Billy s brother was a mighty lad,

C

And played a lot of high school ball.

And Billy s daddy never favoured him,

C7

F

He catered to the bigger guys,

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But later on, in a bigger way,

G7

C

Billy overcame his size.

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The years flew by, and Billy grew,

G7

But he never got very big.

We called him shorty but he never got mad,

C

He was always good for a dig.

And we payed no mind when he fell in line,

C7

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And left with the other guys.

C

And the sergeant laughed at his skinny frame,

G7

C

But Billy overcame his size.

F

Billy overcame his size,

C

Am

Yeah, Billy overcame his size.

C

G7

Later on, in a bigger way,

C

Billy overcame his size.

C

Billy s brother made a football star,

G7

And the biggest man in town.

And the scholarship that kept him home

C

Never seemed to bring him down.

But on the other hand his brother Bill,

C7

F

Put pride in his Daddy s eyes.

C

When he died to save those other men,

G7

C

Billy overcame his size.

F

Billy overcame his size,

C

Am

Yeah, Billy overcame his size.

G7

When he died to save those other men,

C

Billy overcame his size.